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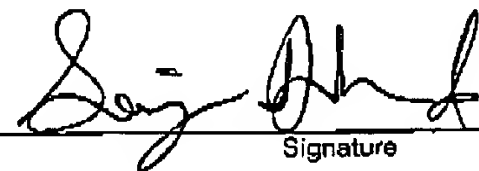
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Applicant: GRUBER et al.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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OVER A WIDE-AREA
NETWORK

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Sir:

In accordance with the New Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program, announced July 11, 2005, this Pre-Appeal Brief Request is being filed together with a Notice of Appeal.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being disclosed by the article by David King (hereinafter "King") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0002586 A1 to Rafal et al. (hereinafter "Rafal"). Claims 2-6 and 8-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being disclosed by King in view of Rafal and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,009,410 A1 to LeMole. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for at least the following reasons.

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The Examiner relies on King for the rejection of each claim. Applicant has previously submitted an affidavit from inventors Dr. Harry Gruber and Dr. Allen Gruber, along with documentation exhibiting conception of the invention prior to the August 10, 2000, date of King. Accordingly, all rejections relying on King as a prior art reference should be withdrawn.

However, the Examiner argues that King's "dating of the use of virtual plaques ... has been clarified and strengthened by the IDS documents filed by Applicant on January 14, 2006 ..." Office Action dated November 17, 2006, page 5, lines 15-17. The Examiner further argues that the IDS documents "make moot Applicant's affidavit ..." Office Action dated November 17, 2006, page 6, line 10.

Applicant notes that, in light of the affidavit filed by Applicant, the Examiner's reliance on King is improper. The affidavit effectively "establish[ed] invention of the subject matter of the rejected claim[s] prior to the effective date of the reference" See 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. Nothing about the IDS documents changes the "effective date" of King, which remains August 10, 2000. King remains predated by the present invention. Applicant is unaware of any authority which cures this deficiency of King.

In order to reject a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the claimed invention must be "disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title." 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). King has previously been applied as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), which precludes patents if the invention is "described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent" 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) (emphasis added).

As established by Applicant's affidavit filed January 16, 2006, King was published after "the invention thereof by the applicant." Thus, King no longer satisfies the requirements for a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). Further, King fails to satisfy the requirements for a reference under any other section of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Thus, King cannot be relied upon to reject the pending claims.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition
for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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